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- 1. Following the disbanding of the DMP (Divisione Mbrojtes Popullit), its 7 and 8 Regiments were formed into four or five pursuit brigades. They are composed of volunteers who have already served two years in the armed forces and whose loyalty to the regime has been proved.
- These brigades are under a special command, its headquarters at Berat, which
  is subordinate to the Directorate for State Security of the Ministry of
  Interior.
- pursuit brigades located at Tepelene, Burrel, and at Tirana under the command of Col. Gjon Banushi.
- 4. The brigades are equipped with Mauser rifles, rifles of Soviet manufacture, and with machine guns.

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